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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 4

Introduced by Assembly Member Waldron

December 9, 2014

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 4—Relative to the Joel Mendenhall Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 4, as amended, Waldron. Joel Mendenhall Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 76 in the County of San Diego as the Joel Mendenhall Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall was a real cowboy and cattle
- 2 rancher, who embraced the values of the Old West, but also
- 3 understood the demands and markets of today's world; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall was part owner of Homegrown
- 5 Cattle Company, Homegrown Meats, My Country Club Hunting
- 6 Ranch, and La Jolla Butcher Shop in La Jolla; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall was a man who was quiet, but
- 8 friendly, dependable, resourceful, devoted to his family, and always
- 9 ready to help someone who needed it; and

1 WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall's family history dates back to the
2 first homesteaders of the Palomar Mountain area in the mid-1800s;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall's work ethic was based on doing
5 what was needed to get the job done, never punching a clock, often
6 working well into the night in all kinds of weather, and
7 demonstrating self-sufficiency and a willingness to be there for
8 others who needed help; and

9 WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall always knew where the bass were
10 biting, the eagles were nesting, the turkeys were roosting, the big
11 bucks were in rut, or where a mountain lion might be prowling;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall was comfortable on a good horse,
14 skilled at roping and wielding a branding iron, and enjoyed
15 competition between himself and his dad for big buck bragging
16 rights; and

17 WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall was always the first to help a
18 young lady bag her first deer, an old hunter drag out a downed
19 buck, or offer amazingly detailed instructions on where to set up
20 for opening day of turkey season; and

21 WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall died in a tragic ranching accident
22 on September 2, 2013, at 30 years of age; and

23 WHEREAS, Joel Mendenhall is survived by his wife, Jenna,
24 his three young daughters, and his parents, Frank and Janice
25 Mendenhall, and will be missed by his family and many friends,
26 outdoorsmen, ranchers, business partners, and the community of
27 which he was a treasured part; now, therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
29 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates that
30 portion of State Highway Route 76 from post mile 47.790, starting
31 at County Route S-7, East Grade Road, west to post mile 42.790
32 ~~at East Palomar Road~~ in the County of San Diego, as the Joel
33 Mendenhall Memorial Highway; and be it further

34 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
35 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the
36 signing requirements for the state highway system showing this
37 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
38 sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs; and be it
39 further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
- 3 for appropriate distribution.

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